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STATEMENT FROM BUDGET CHAIRMAN JUDD GREGG

RE: Administration's request for \$82 billion in supplemental war funds for Iraq

"We are a nation at war and we will give our troops the resources they need to do the job we have asked them to do. Some advocate adding these costs to the permanent budget base, but that would be a mistake because these costs are temporary. I don't want to be spending money five years from now if we aren't fighting this war five years from now."